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SUBJ: SOVIET AUTHOR REPORTEDLY PLANS TO EMIGRATE

ACCORDING TO ONE LOCAL SOURCE, AUTHOR ANATOLIY GLADILIN HAS DECIDED TO EMIGRATE TO ISRAEL. GLADILIN REPORTEDLY INFORMED THE WRITER'S UNION (OF WHICH HE IS A MEMBER) ON JANUARY 14 OF HIS INTENTION TO APPLY FOR AN EXIT VISA. THIS HAS REPORTEDLY CAUSED A GOOD DEAL OF CONSTERNATION WITHIN THE UNION. SOME INFLUENTIAL MEMBERS HOPE TO CONVINCE GLADILIN TO RECONSIDER BEFORE HE FORMALLY APPLIES. IN THAT CASE THE WHOLE MATTER WOULD BE HUSHED UP. SOME MEMBERS OF THE UNION REPORTEDLY FEAR THAT THE DEPARTURE OF GLADILIN WOULD REDOUND BADLY TO THE UNION'S CREDIT IN THE PRE-PARTY CONGRESS PERIOD. THERE IS ALSO GENUINE REGRET THAT WRITER AS GOOD AS GLADILIN SHOULD HAVE DECIDED TO LEAVE. WHILE THERE REPORTEDLY IS NOT YET A CONSENSUS WITHIN THE UNION AS TO WHETHER GLADILIN WILL GO THROUGH WITH THE APPLICATION, OUR SOURCE EXPECTS HIM TO DO SO; AND, FURTHER, THINKS THAT THE APPLICATION WILL BE APPROVED. STOESEL

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